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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED MARCH 17, 2005

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 17, 2005, for which the date for response is April 17, 2005.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2009.015300RFE.

In the detailed action mailed March 17, 2005 at p. 2, the Examiner indicated the present claims were directed to two different inventions: Group I, claims 1-8 and 18 [sic], directed to

methods of implanting a heart valve; and Group II, claims 9-19, directed to heart valves. Applicants surmise the reference to claim 18 in Group I is in error, and this claim belongs to Group II. If this is incorrect, Applicants ask the Examiner to clarify this point.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-8.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agent at (713) 934-4065 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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